



RCE IFW 1724

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/768,115
Filing Date	January 23, 2001
First Named Inventor	ARTHUR W. JOHNSTON
Group Art Unit	1724
Examiner Name	Chester T. Barry
Attorney Docket Number	38830-253270

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$475 is enclosed for the following fees:
- i. ☐ RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$385, as well as any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855

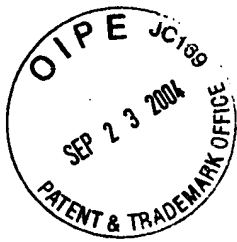
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) Art Unit: **1724**
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) Examiner: **Barry, Chester T.**
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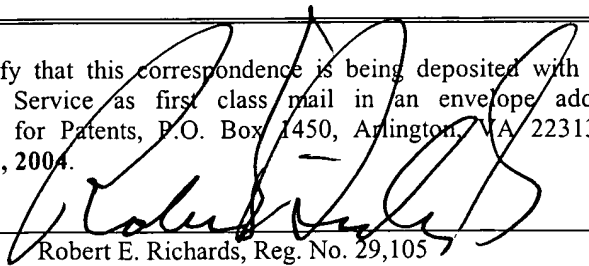
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 19, 2004, applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants are also submitting concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Arlington, VA 22313-1430, on September 20, 2004.


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